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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING CONSIDERATION IN SEEKING A VIABLE SOLUTION TO PROVIDE  
INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS WITH INCOME BETWEEN  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE PERCENT AND TWO HUNDRED PERCENT OF  
THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

1 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
2 (Public Law 111-148) was enacted by the United States Congress  
3 on March 30, 2010, together with the Health Care and Education  
4 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152); and  
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6 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2012, to prepare for implementation of  
7 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, individuals in  
8 Hawaii earning more than one hundred thirty-three percent of the  
9 federal poverty level were dropped from Medicaid coverage and  
10 left without health insurance; and  
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12 WHEREAS, individuals and families with incomes between one  
13 hundred thirty-three percent and two hundred percent of the  
14 federal poverty level comprise the working poor; also known as  
15 the "gap group," these individuals and families are unlikely to  
16 afford the purchase of health insurance through the Hawaii  
17 Health Connector; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the health care needs of the gap group and low-  
20 income earners in Hawaii are more complex than higher wage  
21 earners, often requiring multiple support systems more aligned  
22 with a Medicaid benefit package than a commercial insurance  
23 benefit package; and  
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25 WHEREAS, patients in the gap group often seek care at  
26 community health centers that provide fully integrated health  
27 care homes which offer the array of preventive, medical,  
28 primary, dental, behavioral, social, and enabling services that  
29 are needed to attain favorable outcomes for patients with  
30 complex and interrelated medical and social challenges; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the Compacts of Free Association population, which  
33 the federal government has not supported under the Medicaid



1 program, has very few individuals in the gap group and therefore  
2 will not represent an added cost to the state general fund; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the federal government will support two hundred  
5 percent of the Medicaid expansion for the gap group; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the two predominant options for Hawaii to pursue  
8 in offering health care coverage for individuals earning more  
9 than one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty  
10 level are expansion of Medicaid or the Hawaii Health Connector;  
11 now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
15 Session of 2013, that this body urges consideration in seeking a  
16 viable solution to provide insurance coverage for Hawaii  
17 residents with incomes between one hundred thirty-three percent  
18 and two hundred percent of the federal poverty level; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,  
22 Director of Human Services, Director of Commerce and Consumer  
23 Affairs, Insurance Commissioner, and Executive Director of the  
24 Hawaii Health Connector.

